GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Higher Education to Poor Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to collect data on students belonging to below poverty line families admitted in higher education;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government for providing higher education to students of poor families in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b) : The Ministry has not conducted any survey to collect data on students belonging to the Below Poverty Line families admitted in institutions for higher education.
(c): In order to encourage students of lower income groups for pursuing higher education, Government has introduced scholarship programmes for them to supplement the cost of education. In addition, Government has introduced a scheme for Interest Subsidy on Education Loans to enable economically weaker section students for pursuing higher professional education. The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been launched with the objective of making best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people.
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